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**TO: HOUSE BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN SCOTT MENDENHALL**

Re: SB173 - Revise laws governing state-tribal economic development commission

Dear Chairman Mendenhall:

The Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA) represents over 200 professionals who work for local economic development organizations across the State of Montana. Because of their work in economic development, our members understand all too well that some of our State's reservations still continue to struggle with high unemployment and extremely limited job opportunities. At a time when much of Montana is enjoying improved prosperity due in no small part to the hard work of MEDA's membership, it is unfortunate that some of those living on our State's reservations have not been able to share in our good fortune.

MEDA's membership is well aware that expanding economic development opportunities to Montana's Indian Reservations requires the cooperation of many entities from Tribal governments to State Agencies and from local economic developers to business owners and operators. The State-Tribal Economic Development Commission has proven to be a valuable tool in fostering the relationships necessary for the expansion of economic opportunities on Montana's reservations. Our membership believes that this legislation which makes the Commission a permanent entity and also places it under the purview of the Department of Commerce will ensure that this valuable resource will continue to fulfill its vital role in the continued economic prosperity of our State.

MEDA strongly encourages the adoption of this legislation. Our members look forward to continuing to work closely with the members of the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission to make these efforts a reality.

Sincerely,

Rick Edwards, President

Cc: MEDA Board of Directors

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STATE – TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



Background:

Established in 1999, the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission (STEDC) pursues expansion of economic development opportunities for each of the eight Indian Nations in Montana in partnership with tribal governments and the federal government. **It is important that the STEDC work continues and the recommendations of the commission are supported.**

The State-Tribal Economic Development Commission (STEDC) is a 10 member board that meets every two months. Current members of the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission are:

- ❖ Jonathan Windy Boy and alternate Raymond Parker of the Chippewa Cree,
- ❖ L. Jace Killsback of the Northern Cheyenne,
- ❖ Joseph Durglo and alternate Lloyd Irvine of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai,
- ❖ Shawn Real Bird of the Apsaalooke,
- ❖ Russell Boham and alternate Ronald Doney of the Little Shell Tribe of the Chippewa Indians,
- ❖ Lola Wippert and alternate Emorie Davis-Bird of the Blackfeet,
- ❖ Caroline Brown of the Assiniboine Gros Ventre,
- ❖ Rodney Miller of the Assiniboine Sioux,
- ❖ Andy Poole of the Department of Commerce,
- ❖ Reno Charette of the Office of Indian Affairs
- ❖ and Major Robinson, of the Office of Economic Development has actively participated as an ex officio member

State-Tribal Economic Development commission Goals and Objectives:

GOALS	ACHIEVEMENTS	STATUS
Lending and borrowing issues on trust lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sponsorship of the 2006 Indian Business Conference• Supported Crow adoption of Secured Transaction Code• Video taped Conference proceeding for use at ongoing trainings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Done• Done• Done
Improve cooperation and coordination between the State of Montana and Indian Nations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommended written notification in advance of the Office of Economic Opportunity visits and utilized STEDC members as local point of contact for state government representatives visiting tribal nations• Post Economic Development opportunities on website• Recommended the Governors Office of Economic Opportunity to draft new Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with each Tribal Nation <p>STEDC meetings are a venue for tribally owned and private business presentations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing• Ongoing• In process
Information on incentives of doing business in Indian Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request the Department of Revenue to provide a report on the incentives available to businesses located on Montana Indian Reservations• Work with Congressional delegation to identify federal incentives available to companies choosing to locate in Indian Country.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In process• In process

GOALS	ACHIEVEMENTS	STATUS
Business Flow Chart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a flow chart showing steps needed for successful business formation on Indian reservations and by tribally owned enterprises 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In process
Develop and disseminate information on the economic and demographic situation on Montana's Indian Reservations	<p>Contracted Economic Analysis Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2007: Monetary Contributions of Reservations to the State of Montana – Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of Montana. 2006: Economic Fliers – Department of Labor 2001: Montana Reservation Assessment –RJS & Associates, Inc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Done Done Done
Provide recommendations to the Montana Department of Commerce on the investment of Indian Country Economic Development (ICED) funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding awarded for priority economic development projects for each of the eight Indian Nations Offered the opportunity to contract with the Department of Commerce for Entrepreneurship training during the current year. Joined the Montana Economic Developers Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Done Ongoing Done
Develop a website to promote goals and purpose of STEDC www.tribal.mt.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created a website available to the public Updating and adding viable links relevant to economic development Addition of photo gallery Featured artist link Chris Rowland www.chrisrowlandart.com 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Done Ongoing In process Done
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive and respond to inquiries from the public regarding issues of importance in Indian Country about economic development Research and disseminate information on economic development opportunities to Montana's Indian community Assist Tribal Governments and businesses with support for federal grant applications to the State and Federal Governments Subscribed to the Federal Assistance Monitor-CD Publications providing tribes with information on Federal Grant opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Done

Funding:

Economic Development

Reservations have the highest unemployment rates in Montana. The State-Tribal Economic Development Commission, working with the Governor's Office of Economic Development and the Office of Indian Affairs, coordinates the State's efforts in working with Tribal governments to reverse unemployment trends, inject capital, expertise, and opportunity into reservation economies. These initiatives are directed at

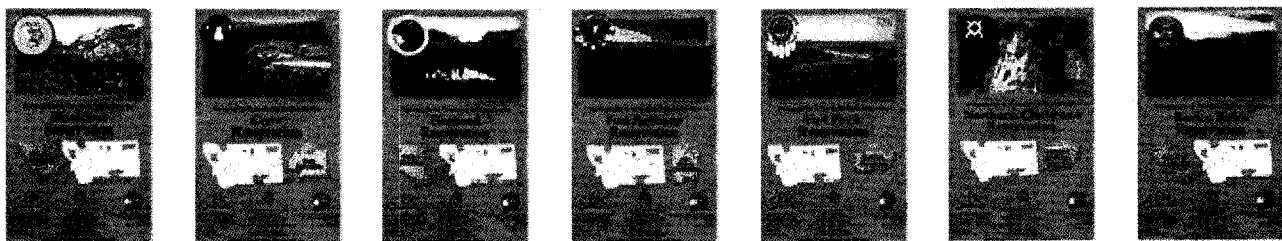
- (1) workforce training and innovation,
- (2) business development,
- (3) gaming,
- (4) tribal infrastructure development, and
- (5) tribal tourism development.

2006 Labor Day Report

The 13th Annual Report embodied the diversity of Montana's economy by accounting for all peoples of Montana. The Department of Labor and Industry Research and Analysis Bureau Chief Economist Brad Eldredge, Economist Tyler Turner, and Director Keith Kelly presented an overview of the Montana Economy, **including for the first time** Reservation Economic Data, and Wage Distributions.

Reservation Economic Fliers

The Department of Labor working with the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission, the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity and the Department of Commerce, released reservation-specific flyers on tribal economies. Six reservations have already participated in the production of these flyers in 2006. Accurate tribal economic information is critical if the State is to be effective in partnering with tribal governments to improve economic conditions on reservations.



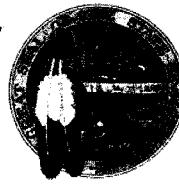
Montana Indian Business Alliance

The Montana Indian Business Alliance is an outcome of the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission's sponsoring of the first-ever Montana Indian Business Conference, which was held in February of 2006. The Alliance is comprised of tribal organizations and governments, state government, non-profit organizations, tribal colleges, Indian owned businesses, lending institutions, consulting firms, consumer credit advocacy agencies, community development agencies, and federal agencies. To jumpstart Indian business development, the Alliance has begun assessing tribal financial and human resources, as well as tribal commercial codes and other information to centralize data and identify areas for strategic focus.

Montana Economic Developers Association

In the spring of 2006 State-Tribal Economic Development Commission members joined the Montana Economic Developers Association. The Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA) advances the economic development profession, coordinates statewide certified economic development workshops, and acts as a clearinghouse within Montana for other state, regional, national and international economic development organizations and agencies.

INDIANPRENEURSHIP, A NATIVE AMERICAN JOURNEY INTO BUSINESS **formerly called NxLeveL**



Business Education Courses: \$3,000 per Reservation

Funding through the Department of Commerce Entrepreneur Development Program provides funds for Indian business development organizations to deliver business education on each of the Reservations and for the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa. The Department has certified all of the organizations providing instruction. The classes use a curriculum especially designed for Native Americans, *Indianpreneurship, A Native American Journey Into Business*.

TRIBE	COURSE INFORMATION
Blackfeet	Browning Community Development Corporation Course is currently in process 11 participants in attendance
Apsaalooke	Little Big Horn Extension Course was completed 20 participants graduated
Salish Kootenai	S&K Holding Company, Inc. Course was completed 12 participants graduated
Assiniboine Gros Ventre	Tribal Business Information Center/Fort Belknap Community College The course will be starting Winter Semester (January 22)
Assiniboine Sioux	Fort Peck Community College Course was completed 15 participants graduated
Little Shell Tribe of the Chippewa Indians	A course has not been scheduled at this time
Northern Cheyenne	Chief Dull Knife College/Extension Program Course is currently in process 10 participants in attendance
Chippewa Cree	Stone Child College Extension Program A course has not been scheduled at this time
EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT: 68 participants have or are expected to graduated.	

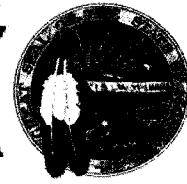
Indianpreneur Equity Fund: \$7,875 per Reservation

The Indianpreneur Equity Fund will be managed by the Entrepreneur Development Program at the Department of Commerce. Policies and procedures have been completed and are awaiting final signature by the Director. The funds will be used as equity by Indianpreneurs located on or adjacent to the Reservations and for members of the Little Shell Tribe. In order to access the funds the business owner must provide information similar to that required for a commercial loan, provide a one to one match in equity or a loan, and meet the approval of the equity review committees—located locally and at the Department of Commerce. This is a pilot program—if success warrants additional funding will be sought.

Indianpreneur Business Plan Contest: \$2,000

As an incentive for the Indianpreneurship classroom participants each program has been allocated \$500 for the winner of a business plan contest conducted by the organization sponsoring the course.

INDIAN COUNTRY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



Background:

Indian Country Economic Development (ICED) funds from the Montana Department of Commerce have been available to tribal governments since 2005. These funds are available to support tribal business development projects, workforce training projects, entrepreneurial training, feasibility studies, and other types of economic development projects. In FY 2006 the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission increased each award by \$5,000 to a total of \$55,000 per tribe.

TRIBE	PROJECT	STATUS	POTENTIAL JOBS CREATED
Salish Kootenai	Support an equipment purchase at tribally-owned Plant	• Completed	23
Little Shell Tribe of the Chippewa Indians	Support the leverage of further funds, as well as a feasibility study and the creation of a business plan for a tribal capital and visitor center	• In process	10
Chippewa Cree	Complete a marketing study for an ethanol and ethanol by-products plant	• Marketing study complete • Design-build phase in process	43
Assiniboine Gros Ventre	Support the tribally-owned Meat Packing, Inc.	• Completed	8
Assiniboine Sioux	Development of a tribally-owned manufacturing and information technology services network holding company	• Completed	100
Apsaalooke	Establishment of a revolving loan fund (RLF) for enrolled tribal members	• In process	10
Northern Cheyenne	Complete a telecommunications study identifying potential tribal ownership opportunities and service improvements	• Project study complete • Licensing in process	5
Blackfeet	Tribal Manpower Program, provides staff support and services to expand firefighter training to include FEMA disaster training	• Completed	500
ECONOMIC BENEFIT:		State Funds*	\$440,000
		Match Funds	\$1,105,519
		Total Funds	\$1,545,519
* \$55,000 / tribe			

In addition to the individual tribal projects listed above, the Department of Commerce in partnership with the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission is funding and supporting both training and financing of private sector Indian-owned business in Montana in 2006 and 2007 including:

- Funding for **entrepreneurship training** on each of Montana's Indian Reservations and with the Little Shell Tribe to develop a larger, more viable, private business sector in Indian Country.
- Through the creation of the **Indianpreneur Fund**, the Department of Commerce and the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission will support the creation of private sector business in Indian Country by investing start-up and expansion funds matched by the owner and private sector lenders.
- STEDC contracted with the University of Montana to analyze and document the economic contribution provided by Montana Indian Tribes to the State of Montana's economy.
- STEDC conducting a comprehensive assessment of the economic needs and priorities of each reservation

American Indian and Total Population for Blackfeet Reservation and Related Areas

American Indian Population						
Geography	Census Estimates					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Blackfeet Reservation	8,507	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Glacier County	8,186	8,069	8,223	8,319	8,452	8,573
Browning	964	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
East Glacier Park Village CDP*	205	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
North Browning CDP*	2,062	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Browning CDP*	1,583	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Starr School CDP*	241	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pondera County	929	952	943	929	954	986
Heart Butte CDP*	654	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Geography	Total Population					Estimates 2005
	Census 2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
Blackfeet Reservation	10,100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Glacier County	13,247	13,129	13,203	13,291	13,527	13,552
Browning	1,065	1,056	1,061	1,068	1,085	1,078
East Glacier Park Village CDP*	396	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
North Browning CDP*	2,200	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Browning CDP*	1,677	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Starr School CDP*	248	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pondera County	6,424	6,358	6,257	6,193	6,108	6,087
Heart Butte CDP*	698	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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the first time, the results of the study were presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies in San Antonio, Texas, in April 1990.

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Blackfoot Reservation Information

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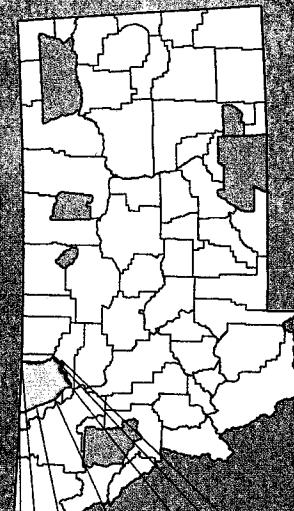
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Blackfeet Reservation Information



Blackfeet Reservation - Occupation by Gender Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

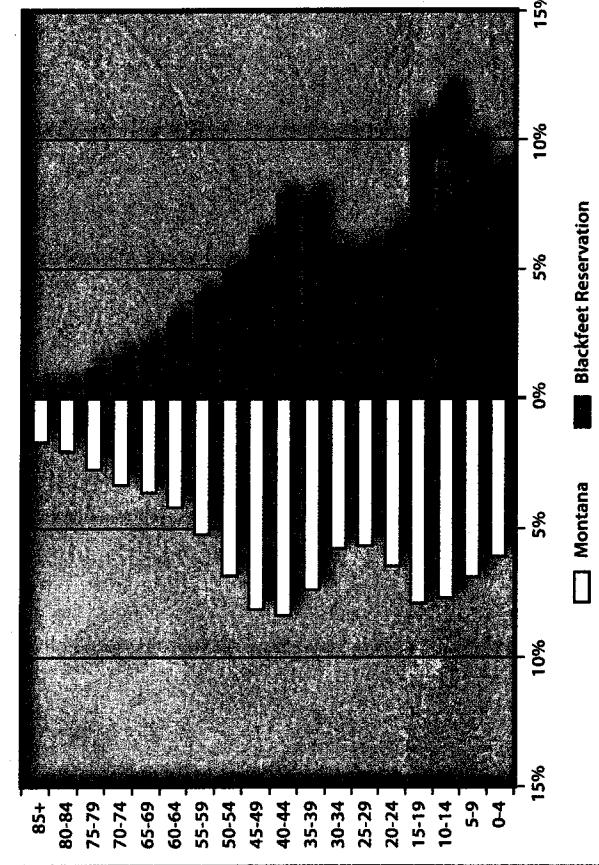
Occupation	Total	American Indian
Total:	3,146	2,368
Male:	1,581	1,179
Management, professional, and related occupations	541	329
Service occupations	256	231
Sales and office occupations	155	123
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	121	61
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	322	267
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	186	168
Female:	1,565	1,189
Management, professional, and related occupations	708	465
Service occupations	345	287
Sales and office occupations	453	407
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	6	0
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	15	6
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	38	24

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

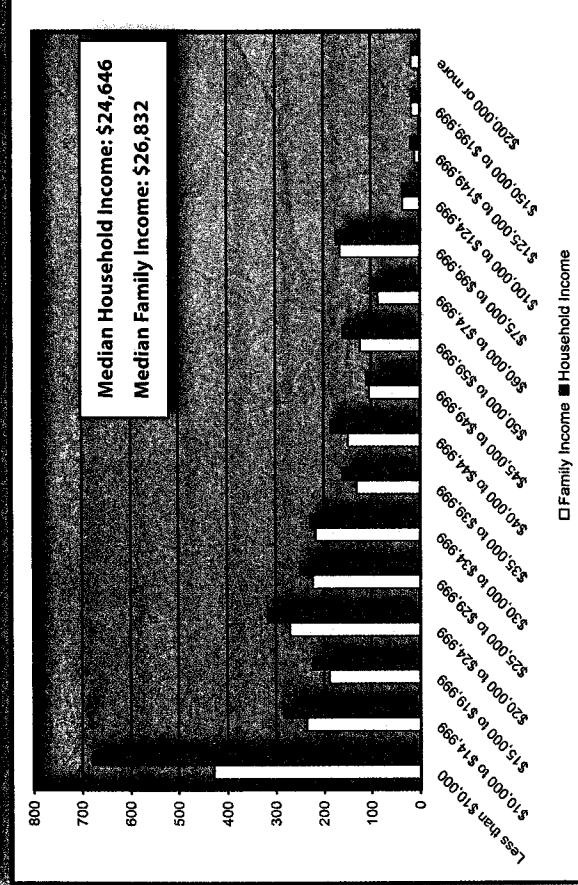
Blackfeet Wage & Salary Employment Annual Averages 2005

Industry	Average Employment	Average Annual Wages Per Job
Total	2,331	\$28,037
Total Private	543	\$17,966
Goods Producing	67	\$25,837
Mining	37	\$29,031
Support Activities for Mining	37	\$29,031
Service Providing	475	\$16,849
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	158	\$16,204
Retail Trade	154	\$15,667
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	11	\$18,670
Food and Beverage Stores	70	\$19,861
Education and Health Services	32	\$17,167
Leisure and Hospitality	161	\$18,094
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	3	\$18,310
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	3	\$18,310
Accommodation and Food Services	158	\$18,089
Other Services	12	\$9,204
Total Government	1,789	\$31,092
Federal Government	383	\$50,700
Local Government	1,405	\$25,743
Local Government Education	635	\$28,917
Local Government Non-Education	770	\$23,126

Blackfeet Reservation - Population Pyramid Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Blackfeet Reservation - Distribution of Income by Family and Household from Census 2000



Blackfeet Reservation - Educational Attainment Population 25 Years and Older

Educational Attainment	Total	American Indian	Labor Force	Year	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	24.7%	26.0%	2005	4,287	3,631	656	15.3%
Associate Degree	11.1%	12.2%	2000	4,064	3,148	918	22.6%
Bachelor's Degree	8.0%	5.3%	2005	5,478	1,725	3,753	68.5%
Master's Degree	4.1%	2.5%	2000	3,944	3,540	404	10.2%

Blackfeet Reservation - Educational Attainment Population 25 Years and Older

Housing	Total	American Indian	Labor Force	Year	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Owner Occupied	55.2%	54.7%	2000	4,064	3,148	918	22.6%
Renter Occupied	44.8%	45.3%	2005	5,478	1,725	3,753	68.5%

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Blackfeet Reservation - Labor Force Statistics

The table below provides labor force statistics from three separate sources. The reader will notice some of the numbers are dissimilar, owing to the differing definitions and statistical techniques used by each source. These differences are explained below:

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Unemployment rates produced by MT Department of Labor
- Labor Force definition
 - Civilian, non-institutional population 16 years and older
 - The sum of Employment and Unemployment
- Employment definition
 - Did any work as paid employees
 - Worked in their own business, profession, or farm
 - Worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family owned enterprise
 - Unemployment definition
 - Have not worked during monthly survey period (usually the week containing the 12th of the month)
 - Available for work
 - Actively seeking a job during last four weeks
 - Unemployment Rate definition
 - Equal to the number of Unemployed divided by number in the Labor Force

U.S. Census Bureau:

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Uses the same definitions for Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment as BLS
- Self-reported every ten years
- Rate reflects employment status as of April 1st, 2000

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the tribe, not the reservation.
- Labor Force definition
 - Number of tribal members between 16 and 64 years old
 - Available for work
 - Not disabled or incarcerated
- Employment definition
 - Tribal members working for money
- Unemployment definition
 - Calculated by subtracting Employment from Labor Force

Blackfeet Reservation

Blackfeet Reservation - Agricultural Statistics 2002 Census of Agriculture

The Blackfeet Reservation, headquartered in Browning, is the third largest reservation in Montana, encompassing 1.5 million acres. It lies along the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains on the Canadian border, and is the eastern gateway to Glacier National Park. Home to 56% of the enrolled 16,000 Blackfeet tribal members, the reservation's economy is primarily agriculture based.

The Tribe owns and operates seven profitable tribal farms and ranches and manages the very successful Blackfeet Bison Program. Fifty-six percent of the agricultural products are Blackfeet members (Blackfeet Agricultural Department records).

The income generated from production is used primarily to support public services and community and cultural events. The Blackfeet Tribal government is the largest employer, providing work to approx. 800, with seasonal injections of up to 150 additional positions. Other major employers include Browning Public Schools (which provides 388 jobs), Siyeh Development Corp (five businesses with 314 staff), Indian Health Service (230), Bureau of Indian Affairs (61), Blackfeet Housing Authority (100), and Blackfeet Community College (81). The newly created gaming establishment Glacier Peaks created 294 jobs when its doors opened in September 2006. The private sector hosts 61 businesses in the community, of which 81% are Indian owned. Teeple's IGA provides work for 49 employees, making them the largest private employer in Browning.

The Tribe, in partnership with utility corporations, is embarking upon renewable energy development. With a recent grant from the Department of Energy, a wind farm is in the planning phase. Additionally, collaborative partnerships are pivotal in the development of two new ventures: Manpower (a successful trainer of Indian FEMA emergency response teams) and Glacier County Port Authority (currently in development discussions).

According to the most recent BIA labor force report, 35% of the Tribe's enrolled members are below the age of 18. To attract and retain the Tribe's youthful population, the Blackfeet Community College initiated online services with MSU Northern, UM Missoula, and the University of Great Falls to offer baccalaureate degrees in education (teacher training program) and Native American studies, and Blackfeet bi-lingual training (Indian Education for All compliance). Construction of a new high school is now underway, since receiving \$12 million from the Board of Trustees through their creation of a building reserve fund, mill levy and bond issues.

Author: Michelle Robinson, DLI Commissioner's Office

Farms: (number)	Farms
Land in farms (acres)	354 198
Average size of farms (acres)	1,602,499 957,487

Farms by size: (number)	Farms
Less than 1,000 acres	4,527 4,836

Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	Farms
\$100,000 or more	259 175
Less than \$100,000	95 23

Farms by type of organization: (number)	Farms
Family, Individual, Partnership	308 184
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	46 14

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	Farms
Cattle and calves	42,318 21,781
Hogs and pigs	17,518 (D)
Sheep and lambs	290
Horses and ponies	2,995 2,313
Bison	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	25,934 (D)
Crops Harvested (acres)	48

Corn for grain	-	-	-
Wheat for silage or greenchop	-	-	-
Wheat for grain, All	113,100	7,582	
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	-	
Durum wheat for grain	(D)	(D)	
Spring wheat for grain	103,032	(D)	
Barley for grain	87,349	11,679	
Oats for grain	650	180	
Sunflower seed, All	-	-	
Soybeans for beans	-	-	
Hay, haylage, grass silage	-	-	
	43,782	18,811	

Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)

Farming	400	164
Other	184	98

Place of residence: (number)

On farm operated	470	227
Not on farm operated	114	35

Years on present farm: (number)

Less than 10 years	141	63
10 years or more	443	199

Age group: (number)

Under 55 years	360	168
55 years and over	224	94

Average age of operators: (number)

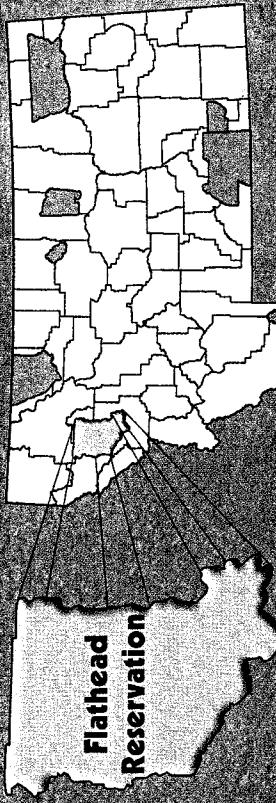
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American Indian and Total Population for Flathead Reservation and Related Areas

Geography	American Indian Population					Total Population						
	Census	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Census	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Flathead Reservation	6,999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Flathead Reservation	26,172	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Flathead County	856	915	920	966	979	1,021	Flathead County	74,471	76,100	77,449	79,435	81,144
Niarada CDP*	17	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Niarada CDP**	50	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lake County	6,306	6,485	6,457	6,557	6,615	6,636	Lake County	26,307	26,948	26,997	27,370	27,915
Arlee CDP*	301	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Arlee CDP*	602	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Big Arm CDP*	40	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Big Arm CDP*	131	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Charlo CDP*	78	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Charlo CDP*	439	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dayton CDP*	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Dayton CDP*	95	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Elmo CDP*	97	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Elmo CDP*	143	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Flinney Point CDP*	69	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Flinney Point CDP*	493	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jette CDP*	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Jette CDP*	267	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ker CDP*	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Ker CDP*	17	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kicking Horse CDP*	37	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Kicking Horse CDP*	80	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kings Point CDP*	14	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Kings Point CDP*	169	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Niarada CDP**	17	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Niarada CDP**	50	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pablo CDP*	928	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Pablo CDP*	1,814	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Poison	651	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Poison	4,041	4,219	4,320	4,521	4,680
Ravalli CDP*	33	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Ravalli CDP*	119	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rocky Point CDP*	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Rocky Point CDP*	107	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ronan	599	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Ronan	1,812	1,864	1,888	1,905	1,948
St. Ignatius	352	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	St. Ignatius	788	797	793	799	812
Turtle Lake CDP*	173	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Turtle Lake CDP*	194	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Missoula County	2,193	2,258	2,397	2,414	2,436	2,480	Missoula County	95,802	96,684	97,792	98,435	99,063
Evaro CDP*	147	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Evaro CDP*	329	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sanders County	485	491	514	500	493	497	Sanders County	10,227	10,436	10,433	10,515	10,836
Dixon CDP*	44	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Dixon CDP*	216	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hot Springs	53	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Hot Springs	531	539	540	557	565
Lonepine CDP*	7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Lonepine CDP*	137	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Niarada CDP**	17	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Niarada CDP**	50	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Demographic & Economic Information for Flathead Reservation

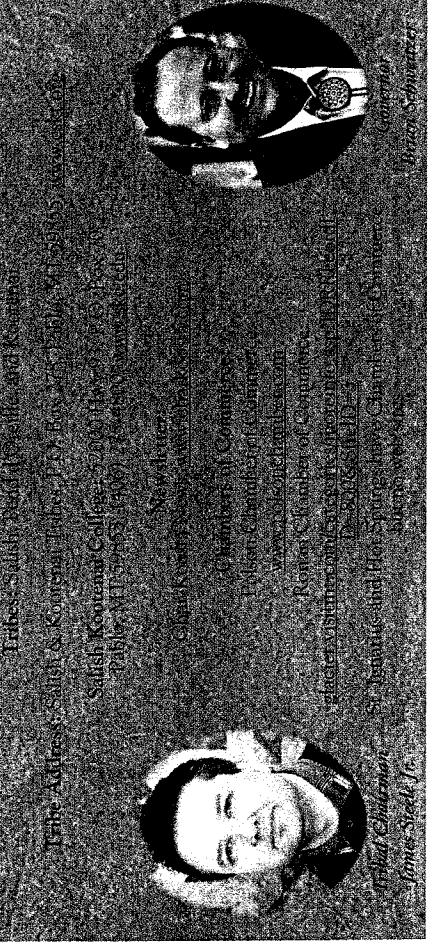


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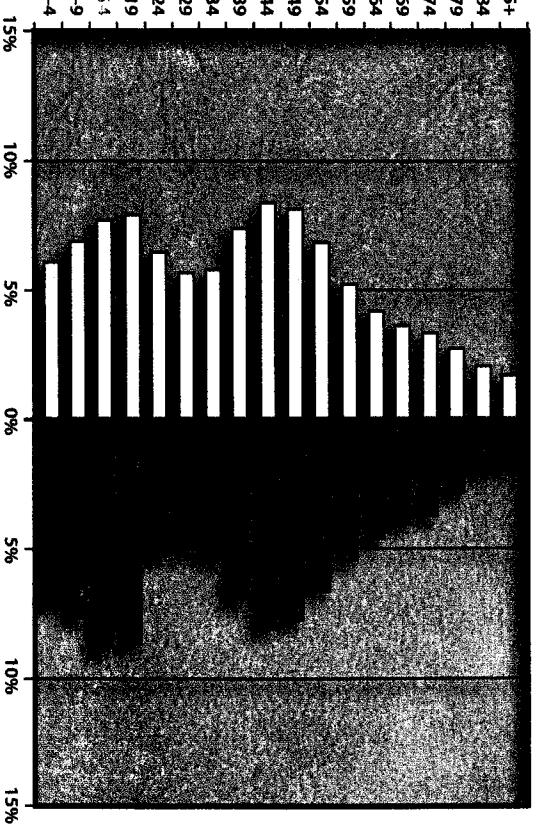
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Flathead Wage & Salary Employment Annual Averages 2005

Industry	Average Employment	Average Annual Wages Per Job
Total	7,999	\$25,212
Total Private	5,443	\$22,638
Goods Producing	1,247	\$28,157
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	69	\$21,804
Crop Production	33	\$15,586
Animal Production	2	\$22,207
Forestry and Logging	31	\$27,998
Support Activities for Agriculture and Forestry	4	\$25,297
Mining	31	\$37,240
Construction	394	\$25,493
Construction of Buildings	128	\$27,792
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	30	\$27,820
Specialty Trade Contractors	235	\$23,940
Manufacturing	752	\$29,782
Food Manufacturing	28	\$24,816
Wood Product Manufacturing	195	\$33,461
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	12	\$20,851
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing	23	\$22,888
Service Providing	4,197	\$21,000
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,406	\$21,879
Wholesale Trade	106	\$19,800
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	58	\$20,642
Retail Trade	1,167	\$19,622
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	211	\$27,005
Furniture and Home Furnishing Stores	19	\$25,770
Electronics and Appliance Stores	15	\$21,095
Building Material and Garden and Equipment Supplies Dealers	126	\$22,064
Food and Beverage Stores	278	\$18,918
Health and Personal Care Stores	80	\$23,626
Gasoline Stations	174	\$12,972
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	18	\$11,334
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	22	\$16,055
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	57	\$8,436
Information	91	\$36,632
Financial Activities	291	\$27,268
Finance and Insurance	239	\$29,332
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	205	\$30,174
Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments and Related Activities	5	\$20,036
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	30	\$23,459
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	52	\$17,736
Real Estate	41	\$18,592
Rental and Leasing Services	10	\$14,319
Professional and Business Services	233	\$27,043
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	150	\$29,702
Education and Health Services	1,067	\$25,642
Educational Services	15	\$20,551
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,052	\$25,585
Ambulatory Health Care Services	224	\$28,622
Social Assistance	268	\$12,632

Flathead Reservation - Population Pyramid
Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Flathead Wage & Salary Employment Annual Averages 2005 (cont.)

Flathead Reservation

Flathead Reservation - Agricultural Statistics 2002 Census of Agriculture

The Flathead reservation, headquartered in Pablo, is the fourth largest reservation in Montana, encompassing 1,244,000 acres in four counties, and is home to 4,550 (64.5%) of the 7,052 enrolled Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribal members (CSKT).

CSKT makes considerable efforts to support a diversified economy by providing opportunities for members who have a variety of assets, skill levels, and experiences in tribally owned businesses and privately owned non-member industries. The majority of employment is provided by the CSKT Tribes - supporting more than 1,000 employees (with an average bi-weekly payroll of \$1.3 million) in a variety of tribally owned businesses and government. Additionally, Salish Kootenai College hosts 345 employees, S&K Electronics (105 employees), St. Luke's Hospital and Health Care Network (308 employees), St. Joseph's Hospital (180 employees), The New Jore (196 employees), Lake County Government (204 employees), public schools (totaling 588 employees), and S&K Technologies (243 employees) with 27 employees on the reservation and 216 employees worldwide (Alaska to Iraq).

The CSKT Department of Human Resources Development invests substantial funds in workforce development in the form of work experience contracts for low-income persons and on the job training contracts with local employers, who in turn make a commitment to the employee for employment based upon the performance of the participant. From October 2004 to September 2005, there were 268 active work experience participants (garnering an average wage of \$6.18) and 23 on-the-job training participants (garnering an average wage of \$9.39).

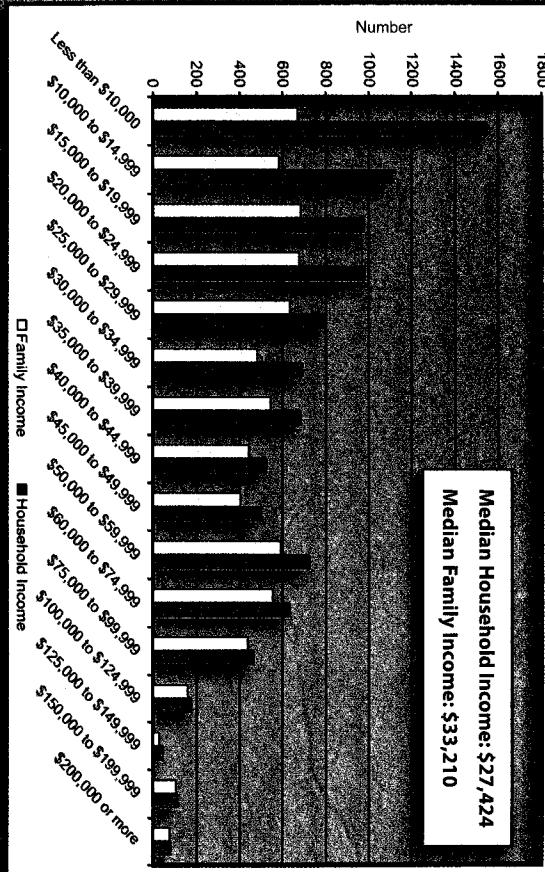
CSKT's youth population (under 18) represents 26.5% of the on-reservation population. The CSKT Tribal Education Department works with 25 school facilities within the seven school districts in providing financial incentives to the nearly 800 seventh to twelfth grade students for academic achievement and attendance. In the 2004-2005 school year, the tribes paid \$22,900 in semester incentives and \$6,400 (\$200 x 32 members) to students who graduated from high school in 2005. In 2005, the CSKT Tribal Council enacted the most important piece of legislation, requiring enrolled members with Individual Indian Money accounts¹ to complete high school or obtain a GED and complete 20 hours of financial literacy prior to accessing their accounts at age 18. Additional incentives include scholarships to youth pursuing post secondary education - emphasizing the tribes' investment in workforce development endeavors - with \$847,370 awarded in the 2004-2005 school year.

In supporting a diversified economy, CSKT Department of Human Resources Development offers training in a variety of professions including customer service, hospitality, construction, road crews, family financial education, technologies, adult basic ed, natural resources, and entrepreneurial development. With a portion of the membership still heavily invested in agriculture, many tribal members have begun "bundling" agricultural occupations into a livelihood of production in furniture manufacturing, berry harvesting, and native crafts.

¹ The tribes reserve ½ of a youth's per capita income as part of a strategy that ensures funds for the future to dedicate to an education, home, business development, etc. The per capita income is solely derived from tribal revenues.

	Farms	All farms	American Indians
Farms: (number)	931	155	
Land in farms (acres)	889,986	489,367	
Average size of farms (acres)	956	3,160	
Farms by size: (number)	810	124	
Less than 1,000 acres	121	31	
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	844	144	
Less than \$100,000	87	11	
\$100,000 or more			
Farms by type of organization: (number)	870	139	
Family, Individual, Partnership	61	16	
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust			
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	52,840	9,594	
Hogs and pigs	102	48	
Sheep and lambs	1,771	440	
Horses and ponies	4,156	793	
Bison	932	380	
Chickens (layers and broilers)	1,320	110	
Crops Harvested (acres)			
(D)			
Corn for grain			
Corn for silage or greenchop			
Wheat for grain, All	7,333	370	
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	(D)	
Durum wheat for grain			
Spring wheat for grain	5,030	(D)	
Barley for grain	2,114	623	
Oats for grain	924	335	
Sunflower seed, All			
Soybeans for beans			
Hay, haylage, grass silage			
Operator Demographics			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	772	93	
Other	670	97	
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	1,299	163	
Not on farm operated	143	27	
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	503	70	
10 years or more	939	120	
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	839	131	
55 years and over	603	59	
Average age of operators: (number)	52.5	51.6	
Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units			
Housing	Total	American Indian	
Owner Occupied	70.6%	59.3%	
Renter Occupied	29.4%	40.7%	

Flathead Reservation - Distribution of Income by Family and Household from Census 2000



Flathead Reservation - Occupation by Gender Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

Occupation	Total	American Indian
Total:	10,945	2,252
Male:	5,484	1,069
Management, professional, and related occupations	1,585	215
Service occupations	518	166
Sales and office occupations	667	91
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	365	78
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	1,166	263
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	1,183	256
Female:	5,461	1,183
Management, professional, and related occupations	1,817	335
Service occupations	1,231	313
Sales and office occupations	1,820	368
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	131	29
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	60	33
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	402	105

Flathead Reservation - Labor Force Statistics

The table below provides labor force statistics from three separate sources. The reader will notice some of the numbers are dissimilar, owing to the differing definitions and statistical techniques used by each source. These differences are explained below:

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Unemployment rates produced by MT Department of Labor
- Labor Force definition
 - Civilian, non-institutional population 16 years and older
 - The sum of Employment and Unemployment
- Employment definition
 - Did any work as paid employees
 - Worked in their own business, profession, or farm
 - Worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family owned enterprise
 - Unemployment definition
 - Have not worked during monthly survey period (usually the week containing the 12th of the month)
 - Available for work
 - Actively seeking a job during last four weeks
 - Unemployment Rate definition
 - Equal to the number of Unemployed divided by number in the Labor Force
 - Calculated by subtracting Employment from Labor Force

U.S. Census Bureau:

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Uses the same definitions for Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment as BLS
- Self-reported every ten years
- Rate reflects employment status as of April 1st, 2000

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the tribe, not the reservation.
- Labor Force definition
 - Number of tribal members between 16 and 64 years old
 - Available for work
 - Not disabled or incarcerated
 - Employment definition
 - Tribal members working for money
 - Unemployment definition

Flathead Reservation - Educational Attainment Population 25 Years and Older

Educational Attainment	Total	American Indian
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	33,0%	31.5%
Associate Degree	6.1%	8.3%
Bachelor's Degree	14.6%	6.9%
Master's Degree	3.8%	2.3%

American Indian and Total Population for Fort Peck Reservation and Related Areas

Geography	American Indian Population					
	Census	2000	2001	2002	2003	Estimates
Fort Peck Reservation	6,391	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Daniels County	26	24	25	25	25	26
Roosevelt County	5,921	5,919	5,943	6,015	6,128	6,227
Brockton	208	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Poplar	580	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wolf Point	1,079	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sheridan County	50	51	49	50	55	58
Reserve CDP*	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Valley County	723	755	693	695	733	707
Frazer CDP*	418	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Population						
Geography	Census	2000	2001	2002	2003	Estimates
Fort Peck Reservation	10,321	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Daniels County	2,014	1,934	1,918	1,847	1,836	
Roosevelt County	10,620	10,573	10,432	10,416	10,576	10,524
Brockton	245	244	241	240	244	243
Poplar	911	907	896	894	906	904
Wolf Point	2,663	2,655	2,619	2,615	2,653	2,623
Sheridan County	4,105	3,947	3,806	3,657	3,638	3,524
Reserve CDP*	37	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Valley County	7,675	7,533	7,397	7,299	7,243	7,143
Frazer CDP*	452	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Census designated places (CDPs) are defined by the U.S. Census Bureau as unincorporated, populated places with a population of at least 100 people. CDPs are delineated to promote consistency in identifying populated areas between the decennial census and the annual estimates program. CDPs usually are defined in cooperation with local officials and are not necessarily located within the boundaries of an incorporated place or a county subdivision. Census tracts are small geographic subdivisions of a county or county equivalent, such as a city, that are not incorporated as census places. They are delineated by the U.S. Census Bureau to be relatively homogeneous in terms of socio-economic characteristics and are not necessarily located within the boundaries of an incorporated place, county, or county equivalent.

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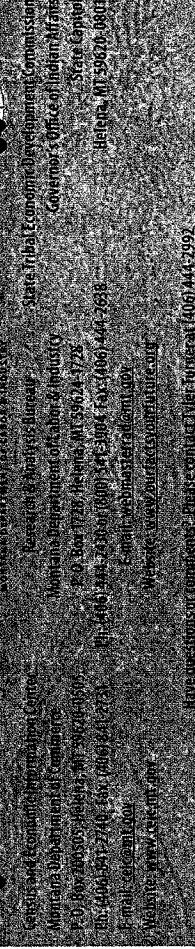
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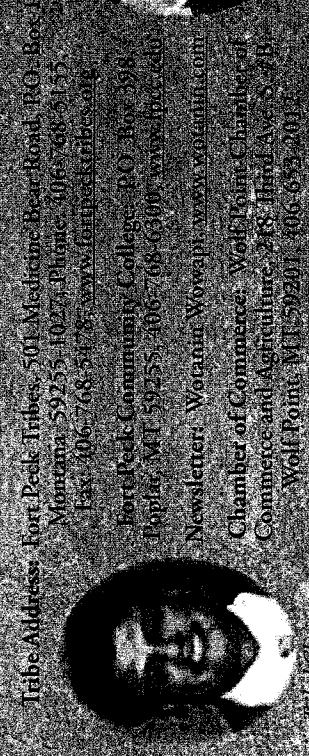
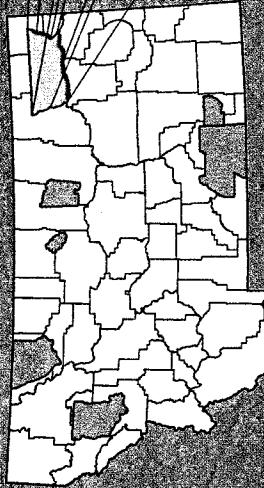
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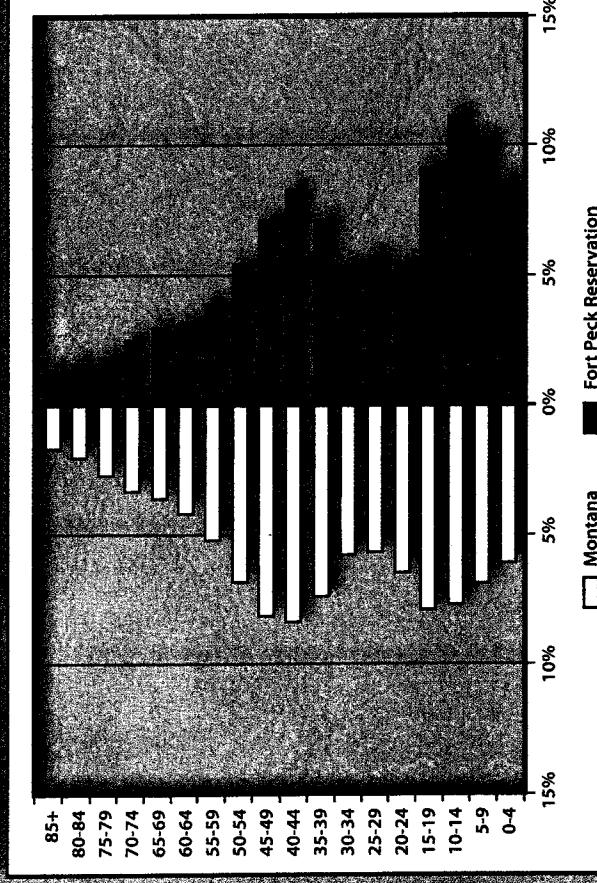
Fort Peck Reservation - Occupation by Gender Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

Occupation	Total	American Indian
Total:	3,608	1,602
Male:		
Management, professional, and related occupations	1,803	754
Service occupations	714	238
Sales and office occupations	241	164
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	222	54
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	70	23
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	310	164
Female:		
Management, professional, and related occupations	1,805	848
Service occupations	743	299
Sales and office occupations	462	278
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	552	256
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	19	2
Production, transport., and material moving occupations	28	0

Fort Peck Wage & Salary Employment Annual Averages 2005

Industry	Average Employment	Average Annual Wages Per Job
Total:	2,890	\$24,622
Male:		
Total Private	1,286	\$19,840
Goods Producing	78	\$24,313
Construction	13	\$18,897
Manufacturing	54	\$25,455
Service Providing	1,208	\$19,550
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	471	\$21,961
Wholesale Trade	48	\$27,421
Retail Trade	361	\$18,510
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	42	\$25,739
Building Materials and Garden and Equipment Supplies Dealers	39	\$16,581
Food and Beverage Stores	81	\$16,868
Grocery Stores	71	\$15,996
Gasoline Stations	125	\$19,951
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	29	\$16,922
Information	43	\$15,415
Financial Activities	57	\$21,922
Finance and Insurance	43	\$26,759
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	29	\$28,638
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	14	\$22,869
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	14	\$7,525
Professional and Business Services	57	\$16,335
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	25	\$24,556
Legal Services	10	\$19,159
Admin. and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	32	\$9,884
Education and Health Services	294	\$26,191
Leisure and Hospitality	209	\$8,906
Accommodation	53	\$10,060
Food Services and Drinking Places	156	\$8,513
Full Service Restaurants	52	\$7,441
Limited Service Eating Places	85	\$9,207
Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages)	20	\$8,347
Other Services	66	\$11,174
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	36	\$9,182
Total Government	1,604	\$28,456
Federal Government	209	\$47,882
State Government	82	\$33,752
Local Government	1,313	\$25,058
Local Government Education	589	\$28,478
Local Government Non-Education	725	\$22,228

Fort Peck Reservation - Population Pyramid Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2005. Data for the Fort Peck Reservation are estimates based on the 2005 American Community Survey. Data for the state of Montana are estimates based on the 2005 American Community Survey.

Fort Peck Reservation

Fort Peck Reservation - Agricultural Statistics 2002 Census of Agriculture

The Fort Peck reservation, centered in Poplar, is the second largest reservation in Montana, covering over two million acres of land, and is home to nearly half of the 11,755 enrolled Sioux and Assiniboine tribal members.

Unlike most rural areas which are losing population, reservations such as Fort Peck are experiencing an increase. According to the Assiniboine Sioux Tribal Enterprise Community, nearly half of their enrolled members are below the age of 18. The Fort Peck Community College has taken a progressive stance in developing distance learning capabilities and entering into partnerships with post secondary institutions to offer local academic programs in teacher training and business administration leading to bachelor's and master's degrees for tribal youth.

The majority of employment is supplied by the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, which provide work to 400 employees in government. Tribally owned businesses account for 96 employees, while Fort Peck Community College has 81 employees. The Bureau of Indian Affairs provides federal employment to 59 employees and the Verne E Gibbs Indian Health Service has 117 employees (employment numbers provided by tribal and public entities directly).

The Assiniboine & Sioux Tribal Enterprise Community, a partnership program between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and local/tribal governments, has emerged as a key driving force in the economic development efforts of the Fort Peck Reservation. Tribally-owned entities, such as Assiniboine and Sioux Diversified (20 employees, with anticipated doubling of the workforce in 2006), West Electronics (20 employees), Fort Peck Tech (20 employees), Integrated Solutions (25 employees), local convenience stores (20 employees), and the Farm & Ranch (10 employees), gain experience in competing in global markets and in improving their profit margins.*

According to the Foundation for the American Indian, A&S Diversified is a substantial minority-owned subcontractor for the Department of Defense, providing work for tribal members in metal fabrication and production sewing in their 160,000 square foot manufacturing facility. For the past three years, ASTI has been engaged in a Mentor Protégé Agreement with Northrop Grumman Corporation, the 2nd largest defense contractor to the U.S. government.*

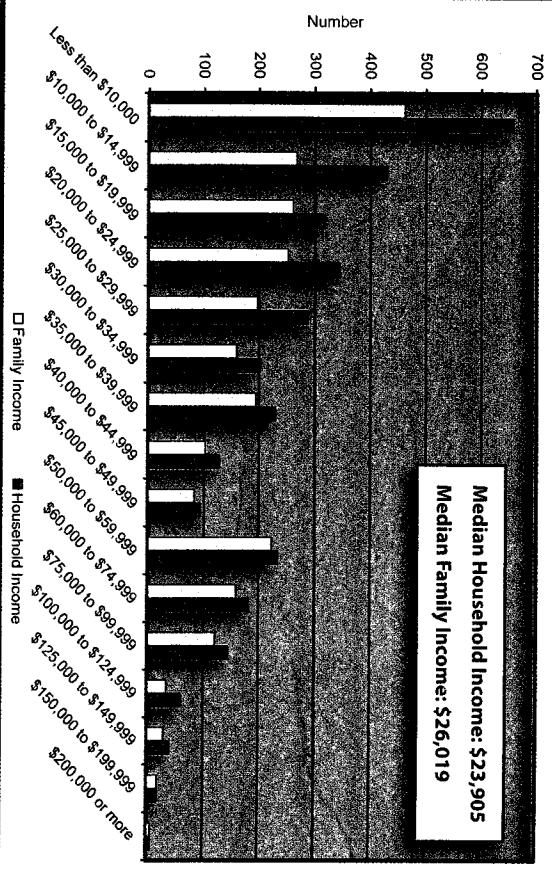
Integrated Solutions, an information technology service located in downtown Wolf Point, contracted with Avanade, a Microsoft affiliate, to perform software testing for a Medicaid program valued at \$292,500, and currently boasts 16 tribal employees of their available 25 positions. Integrated Solutions, Fort Peck Tribal College, and Avanade worked together to design a training curriculum to provide students with the technical expertise and education employees need to be job ready.

*Source: USDA, Rural Development, Rural Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Program, 2003 Annual Report.

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Farms	
Farms: (number)	548
Land in farms (acres)	1,774,370
Average size of farms (acres)	3,238
Farms by size: (number)	6,382
Less than 1,000 acres	187
1,000 acres or more	361
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	67
Less than \$100,000	358
\$100,000 or more	190
Farms by type of organization: (number)	37
Family, Individual, Partnership	472
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	76
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	38,884
Hogs and pigs	1,184
Sheep and lambs	2,941
Horses and ponies	1,270
Bison	122
Chickens (layers and broilers)	532
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	575
Corn for silage or greenchop	(D)
Wheat for grain, All	424,383
Winter wheat for grain	448
Durum wheat for grain	114,282
Spring wheat for grain	309,653
Barley for grain	45,996
Oats for grain	13,426
Sunflower seed, All	1,286
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Hay, haylage, grass silage	77,931
Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	619
Other	79
Place of residence: (number)	214
On farm operated	86
Not on farm operated	175
Years on present farm: (number)	21
Less than 10 years	40
10 years or more	622
Age group: (number)	67
Under 55 years	496
55 years and over	337
Average age of all operators: (number)	52.3
Source: USDA, 2002 Census of Agriculture, <i>Assiniboine Sioux Tribe of Fort Peck Reservation, 2002 Census of Agriculture</i> .	
Author: Michelle Robinson, DJI Commissioner's Office	

Fort Peck Reservation - Distribution of Income by Family and Household from Census 2000



Fort Peck Reservation - Educational Attainment

Population 25 Years and Older

Educational Attainment

	Total	American Indian
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	32.8%	32.0%
Associate Degree	7.9%	8.3%
Bachelor's Degree	11.9%	7.1%
Master's Degree	1.6%	0.9%

- U.S. Census Bureau:
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 - Number of tribal members between 16 and 64 years old
 - Available for work
 - Not disabled or incarcerated
- Employment definition
 - Tribal members working for money
 - Unemployment definition
- Calculated by subtracting Employment from Labor Force

Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units

Housing	Total	American Indian
Owner Occupied	63.2%	51.0%
Renter Occupied	36.8%	49.0%

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 - Did any work as paid employees
 - Worked in their own business, profession, or farm
 - Worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family owned enterprise
- Unemployment definition
 - Have not worked during monthly survey period (usually the week containing the 12th of the month)
 - Available for work
 - Actively seeking a job during last four weeks
- Unemployment Rate definition
 - Equal to the number of Unemployed divided by number in the Labor Force

Fort Peck Reservation - Labor Force Statistics

American Indian and Total Population for Fort Belknap Reservation and Related Areas

American Indian Population

Geography	Census					Estimates		
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005		
Fort Belknap Reservation	2,790	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Blaine County	3,180	3,081	3,118	3,125	3,114	3,182		
Fort Belknap Agency CDP*	1,207	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hays CDP*	664	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lodge Pole CDP*	207	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Phillips County	350	335	317	312	306	291		

Total Population

Geography	Census					Estimates Start of operation		
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005		
Fort Belknap Reservation	2,959	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Blaine County	7,009	6,824	6,816	6,765	6,673	6,629		
Fort Belknap Agency CDP*	1,262	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hays CDP*	702	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lodge Pole CDP*	214	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Phillips County	4,601	4,448	4,353	4,263	4,240	4,179		

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Crisis decision areas (CDPs) are delineated from the main planning area by a buffer zone. CDPs are delineated to provide a buffer between the main planning area and really important areas such as rivers, lakes, and wetlands. CDPs are often used to coordinate and regulate activities in the buffer zone. The CDPs are also used to delineate the boundaries of individual projects or programs.

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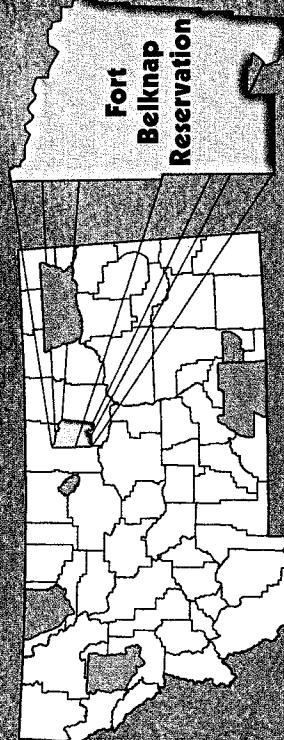


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Fort Belknap Reservation - Occupation by Gender Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

Occupation	Total	American Indians
Total:	836	769
Male:	408	374
Mgmt., professional, and related occupations	121	98
Service occupations	89	87
Sales and office occupations	24	24
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	15	15
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occs.	100	91
Production, transport, and material moving occs.	59	59
Female:	428	395
Management, professional, and related occs.	185	165
Service occupations	92	92
Sales and office occupations	149	136
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	2	2
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occs.	0	0
Production, transport, and material moving occs.	0	0

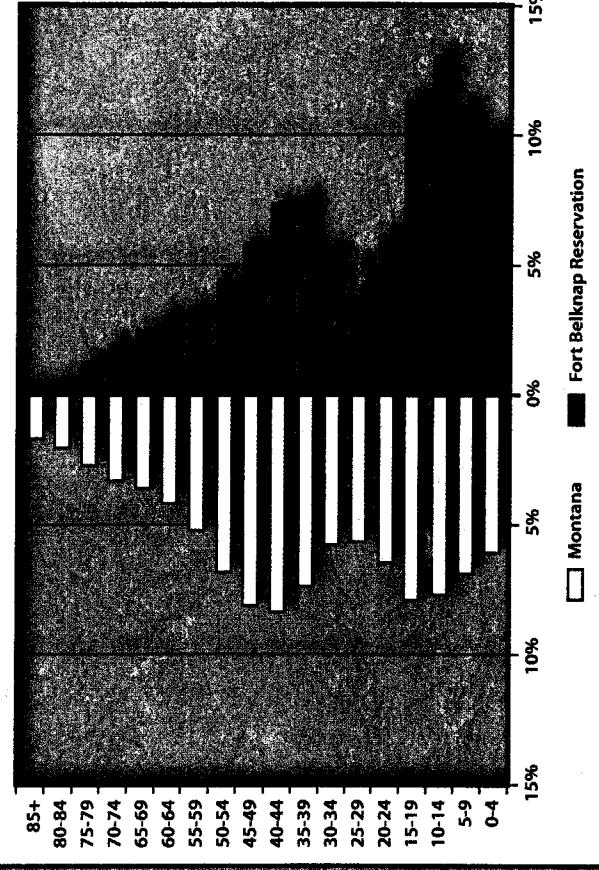
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000
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Fort Belknap Wage & Salary Employment Annual Averages 2005

Occupation	Industry	Average Employment	Average Annual Wages Per Job
Total:	Total	333	\$33,880
Male:	Total Private	28	\$13,321
Service occupations	Service Providing	28	\$13,321
Sales and office occupations	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13	\$12,758
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	Retail Trade	13	\$12,758
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occs.	Total Government	305	\$35,721
Production, transport, and material moving occs.	Federal Government	148	\$46,051
Female:	Local Government*	157	\$25,984
Management, professional, and related occs.			
Service occupations			
Sales and office occupations			
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations			
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occs.			
Production, transport, and material moving occs.			

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
Information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics
and the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000

Fort Belknap Reservation - Population Pyramid Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Fort Belknap Reservation - Educational Attainment Population 25 Years and Older

Educational Attainment	Total	American Indian
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	18.0%	17.7%
Associate Degree	13.9%	14.5%
Bachelor's Degree	9.1%	8.1%
Master's Degree	3.1%	2.3%

Fort Belknap Reservation

Fort Belknap Reservation - Agricultural Statistics 2002 Census of Agriculture

The Fort Belknap Reservation, anchored in Fort Belknap Agency, is the fifth largest reservation in the state, encompassing 651,648 acres of rolling plains, river breaks and the Little Rocky Mountain range. It is home to 3,115 (49%) of the 6,304 Gros Ventre and Assiniboine tribal members.

The majority of employment is provided by the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine tribes, which employs 291 full time and 74 part time workers in tribal government. Tribally owned businesses, such as the Little Rockies Meat Packing Plant, employ as many as 6-12 employees. The Fort Belknap College employs 55 staff members, and averages 20-30 graduates per year.

In October 2002, the Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) launched the Fort Belknap 477 Employment and Training Program. The program integrates five tribal programs to provide comprehensive education, work-based learning, employment training, and related services that help individuals, families, and the community to overcome barriers to self-sufficiency. Six hundred and forty families participated in this vital program in 2005.

Little Rockies Meat Packing, Inc. (LRMI) is one of many partners in the program. The Employment and Training program helped provide 4-6 meat cutting trainees at start-up, two of whom are now permanently placed. Acquisition of the tribally owned meat packing facility occurred in 2002, USDA certification followed suit in 2003, and today LRMI is helping another spin off enterprise: Pride of the Little Rockies, a smoke house that will prepare smoked meat products (jerky, sausage, and meat sticks utilizing the beef and buffalo processed at LRMI).

Pride of the Little Rockies was given a financial boost with a \$450,000 Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Native Americans grant award to renovate an existing tribal facility. This, in turn, will create 10-12 new full time jobs from the Employment and Training Program pool of individuals trained in Job Readiness and production/preparation.

FBIC is committed to career development from K-12, to postsecondary, to adult education with programs such as Talent Search (career awareness), Upward Bound (summer program with emphasis on Higher Ed), and the Tribal Business Information Center (entrepreneurial development). With nearly 29% of the population below the age of 18, the tribes realize they must continually build economic opportunities for the future. Currently the tribes are slated to begin construction on a \$3 million water treatment facility this fall, have completed feasibility studies for alternative energy development (ethanol), and continue to attract tourism by offering big game and recreational hunting guides and outfitters.

	Farms	
Farms: (number)	236	53
Land in farms (acres)	829,926	634,270
Average size of farms (acres)	6,859	7,642
Farms by size: (number)		
Less than 1,000 acres	48	37
1,000 acres or more	73	46
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)		
Less than \$100,000	93	74
\$100,000 or more	28	9
Farms by type of organization: (number)		
Family, Individual, Partnership	108	78
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	13	5
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested		
Livestock and Poultry inventory (number)		
Cattle and calves	16,026	6,228
Hogs and pigs	(D)	-
Sheep and lambs	571	(D)
Horses and ponies	647	512
Bison	(D)	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	0	0
Crops Harvested (acres)		
Corn for grain	-	-
Corn for silage or greenchop	-	-
Wheat for grain All	43,985	15,246
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	-
Durum wheat for grain	(D)	-
Spring wheat for grain	42,422	15,246
Barley for grain	1,295	605
Oats for grain	(D)	-
Sunflower seed, All	-	-
Soybeans for beans	-	-
Hay, haylage, grass silage	17,608	6,195
Operator Demographics		
Primary occupation: (number)		
Farming	114	55
Other	83	56
Place of residence: (number)		
On farm operated	155	90
Not on farm operated	42	21
Years on present farm: (number)		
Less than 10 years	51	26
10 years or more	146	85
Age group: (number)		
Under 55 years	112	62
55 years and over	85	49
Average age of all operators: (number)	52.8	53.2

Fort Belknap Reservation - Distribution of Income by Family and Household from Census 2000



Median Household Income: \$21,225

Median Family Income: \$23,158

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Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units

Housing	Total	American Indian
Owner Occupied	53.3%	54.4%
Renter Occupied	46.7%	45.6%

Source	Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemp. Rate
Montana Department of Labor and Industry*	2005	N/A	N/A	N/A
U.S. Census Bureau	2000	1,086	836	250 23.0%
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs	2005	2,794	849	1,945 69.6%

American Indian and Total Population for Rocky Boy's Reservation and Related Areas

American Indian Population

Geography	Estimates				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Rocky Boy's Reservation	2,578	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chouteau County	873	862	855	851	856
Boneau CDP*	185	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hill County	2,884	2,972	2,987	3,073	3,105
Agency CDP†	303	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Azure CDP‡	241	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Parker School CDP*	344	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
St. Pierre CDP*	282	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sangrey CDP*	252	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Population

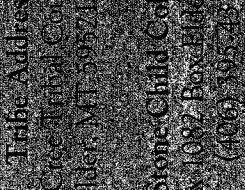
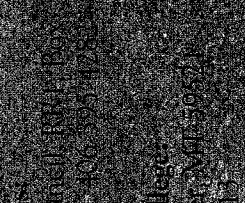
Geography	Estimates				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Rocky Boy's Reservation	2,676	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chouteau County	5,970	5,772	5,644	5,585	5,546
Boneau CDP*	190	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hill County	16,673	16,532	16,360	16,281	16,343
Agency CDP*	324	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Azure CDP‡	253	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Parker School CDP*	352	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
St. Pierre CDP*	289	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sangrey CDP*	263	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

*Census designated place (CDP) or town. A populated place, CDP or town, is a populated area, community, or settlement, such as a city, town, or village, which is not incorporated under state law into an entity with法人 status. It may be a county seat, a post office, a census county division, or other visible features of the boundary of an adjacent incorporated place, but it is not incorporated as a municipality, and thus does not have officials elected to serve the community.

Rocky Boy's Information

Tribes:
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Rocky Boy's Reservation - Occupation by Gender Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

Occupation	Total	American Indian
Total:	682	648
Male:	361	347
Management, professional, and related occupations	97	87
Service occupations	119	115
Sales and office occupations	23	23
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	7	7
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	66	66
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	49	49
Female:	321	301
Management, professional, and related occupations	140	127
Service occupations	76	72
Sales and office occupations	87	87
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0	0
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	0	0
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	18	15

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

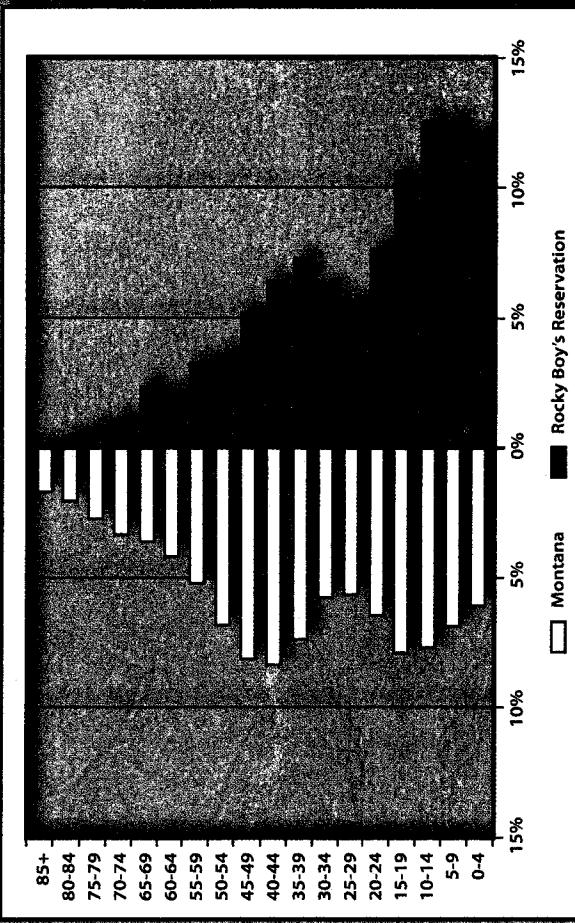
Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units

Housing	Total	American Indian
Owner Occupied	40.8%	41.0%
Renter Occupied	59.2%	59.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

Rocky Boy's Wage & Salary Employment Annual Averages 2005

Industry	Average Employment	Average Annual Wages Per Job
Total	746	\$32,006
Total Private	31	\$34,318
Total Government	716	\$31,907
Federal Government	4	\$38,053
Local Government	712	\$31,875
Local Government Education	247	\$30,432
Local Government Non-Education	437	\$32,748



Rocky Boy's Reservation

Rocky Boy's Reservation - Agricultural Statistics 2002 Census of Agriculture

The Rocky Boy's Reservation, located in north-central Montana, encompasses 122,000 acres of rolling high-plains grasslands to the sub-alpine mountains of the Bear Paw. Located nearly 50 miles south of the Alberta and Saskatchewan Canadian border, the reservation is home to 55% of the 5,656 enrolled Chippewa Cree tribal members.

The economy is primarily supported by agriculture and livestock. Wheat, barley, and cattle are raised on the tribally owned Dry Fork Farm and Ranch and Stone Man Farms. A key ingredient for continued agricultural and recreational development is water. The Chippewa Cree Tribal Construction Company is currently constructing a system that will transport water from the Tiber reservoir to the reservation and fulfill an objective of the North Central Montana Regional Water Coordinating Committee.

The majority of reservation residents work for the self-governing Chippewa Cree Tribe providing work to 241 residents. Compacts are maintained with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Indian Health Service providing two BIA employees and 91 staff member's opportunities within the Rocky Boy Health Board. Other employers include: Rocky Boy public schools (156), Stone Child Community College (56), Chippewa Cree Construction Company (28), Chippewa Cree Construction Corporation (16), National Tribal Development Association (9), RJS & Associates (4), and Chippewa Cree Housing Authority (30).

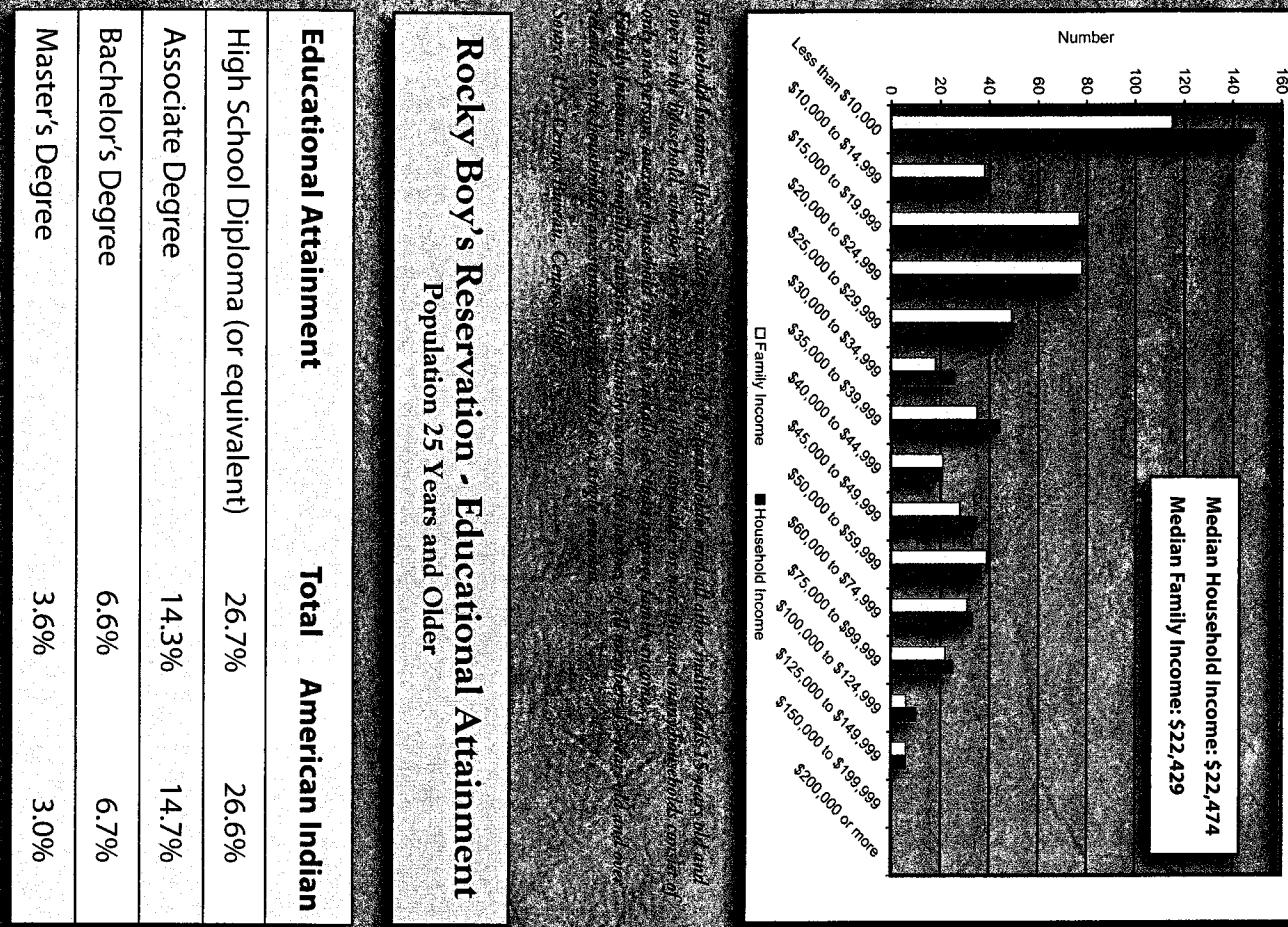
Stone Child Community College provides distance learning for its students, administers an endowment for undergraduate and graduate degree students, offers a teacher training program, and is developing a pre-engineering program for transfer to a baccalaureate. The Tribe coordinates with the college to ensure revitalization of the Chippewa Cree language, culture, values, and traditions respected by the community and leaders. Stone Child's completion of a Vo-Tech Center will provide the foundation for workforce development in construction technology, artistry and engineering and provide a skilled labor force for the Chippewa Cree Construction Company.

Stone Child, Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) and North Winz Casino (scheduled to open in January 2007) are partnering to train 34 employees for various casino positions. Negotiations for an ethanol plant and continued partnerships with the private sector provide many opportunities for social and economic development for the 37% of the reservation's 18 and younger enrolled residents.

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Land in farms (acres)	105,193
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1,000 acres or more	13
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	10
Less than \$100,000	39
\$100,000 or more	3
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	35
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	7
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	2,213
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Sheep and lambs	-
Horses and ponies	347
Bison	347
Chickens (layers and broilers)	0
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	0
Wheat for grain, All	6,473
Winter wheat for grain	-
Durum wheat for grain	(D)
Spring wheat for grain	(D)
Barley for grain	(D)
Oats for grain	(D)
Sunflower seed, All	-
Soybeans for beans	-
Hay, haylage, grass silage	2,227
Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	24
Other	30
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	47
Not on farm operated	7
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	22
10 years or more	32
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	40
55 years and over	14
Average age of operators: (number)	
	50.4
	50.9

Rocky Boy's Reservation - Distribution of Income by Family and Household from Census 2000



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	Total	American Indian
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	26.7%	26.6%
Associate Degree	14.3%	14.7%
Bachelor's Degree	6.6%	6.7%
Master's Degree	3.6%	3.0%

American Indian and Total Population for Crow Reservation and Related Areas

American Indian Population						
Geography	Estimates					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Crow Reservation	5,165	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Big Horn County	7,560	7,623	7,677	7,717	7,817	8,067
Crow Agency CDP*	1,485	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fort Smith CDP*	40	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lodge Grass*	442	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pryor CDP*	533	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
St. Xavier CDP*	35	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wyola CDP*	147	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Yellowstone County	3,950	4,157	4,364	4,454	4,521	4,724

Total Population						
Geography	Estimates					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Crow Reservation	6,894	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Big Horn County	12,671	12,817	12,829	12,897	13,076	13,149
Crow Agency CDP*	1,552	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fort Smith CDP*	122	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lodge Grass	510	515	515	517	523	522
Pryor CDP*	628	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
St. Xavier CDP*	67	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wyola CDP*	186	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Yellowstone County	129,352	130,572	131,898	133,265	134,806	136,691

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census and American Community Survey, 2005 Estimates.

Census designated places (CDPs) are delineated by the U.S. Census Bureau as populated places that do not have incorporated status or other legal status as towns or cities. CDPs are officially recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau as distinct populated places and are included in the boundaries of an adjacent incorporated town or city. CDPs are not official places and do not have their own governments.

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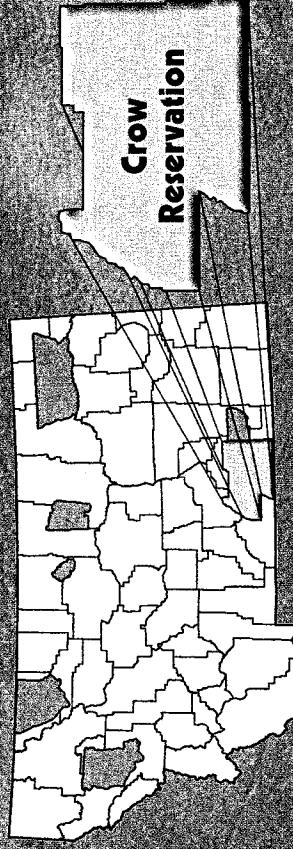


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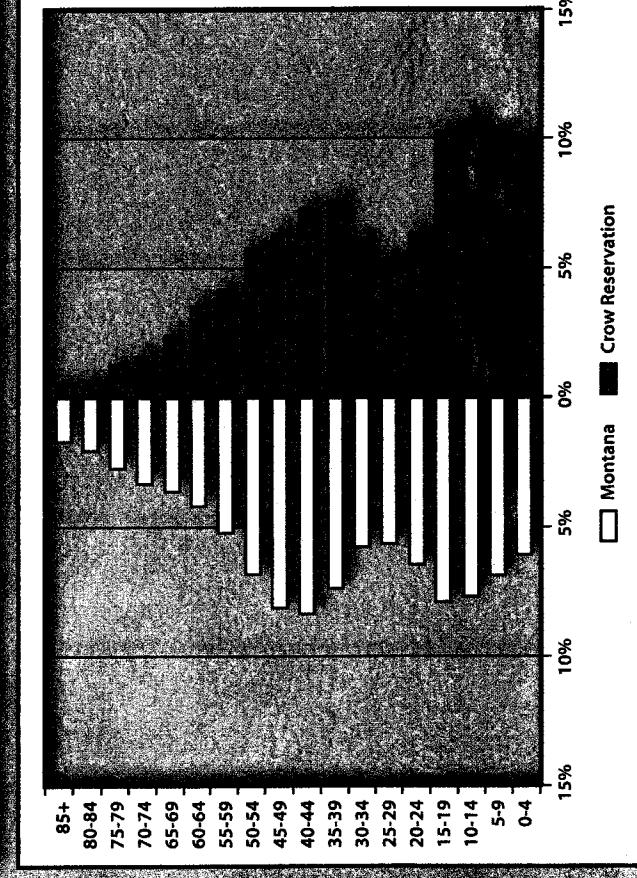
Crow Reservation - Occupation by Gender Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

Occupation	Total	American Indian
Total:	2,310	1,535
Male:	1,112	683
Management, professional, and related occupations	392	172
Service occupations	265	228
Sales and office occupations	94	59
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	78	11
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	184	144
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	99	69
Female:	1,198	852
Management, professional, and related occupations	415	267
Service occupations	344	278
Sales and office occupations	377	286
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	11	0
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	12	9
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	39	12

Crow Wage & Salary Employment Annual Averages 2005

Occupation	Total	Average Annual Wages Per Job
Industry	Average Employment	
Total:	1,535	\$27,930
Management, professional, and related occupations	172	
Service occupations	228	
Sales and office occupations	59	
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	11	
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	144	
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	69	
Female:	852	
Management, professional, and related occupations	267	
Service occupations	278	
Sales and office occupations	286	
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0	
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	9	
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	12	
Total Private	144	
Goods Producing	11	
Female:	852	
Management, professional, and related occupations	267	
Service occupations	278	
Sales and office occupations	286	
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0	
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	9	
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	12	
Total Private	144	
Service Providing	11	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	11	
Retail Trade	9	
Gasoline Stations	12	
Professional and Business Services	12	
Professional, Scientific, and Tech. Services	12	
Leisure and Hospitality	12	
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	12	
Accommodation and Food Services	12	
Total Government	12	
Federal Government	12	
State Government	10	
Local Government	10	

Crow Reservation - Population Pyramid Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Crow Reservation

Crow Reservation - Agricultural Statistics 2002 Census of Agriculture

The Crow Reservation, headquartered in Crow Agency, is the largest reservation in Montana, encompassing 2.2 million acres of rolling upland plains, the Wolf, Bighorn and Pryor Mountains, and the bottomlands of the Bighorn River, Little Bighorn River and Pryor Creek. The reservation is home to 8,143 (7.17%) of the 113,57 enrolled Apsaalooke tribal members.

According to Tribal Enrollment officials, 4,258 (37.49%) of enrolled Apsaalooke members are below the age of 18. To address the need for post-secondary education, the Tribe took a progressive stance and opened Little Bighorn Community College in 1980. What began with less than a dozen students now hosts 328 full-time students and employs 50 staff members, 12 faculty members, and 7 work-study program students.

The majority of employment is supplied by the Crow Tribe and federal programs, providing work to 2,202 employees in total. More specifically, the Bureau of Indian Affairs provides employment to 87 employees and the Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital has 270 employees including all outreach services. Privately owned businesses account for 253 employees in total (*employment numbers provided by tribal and public entities directly*).

The basis of the economy is derived from the rich resources of the Tribe's land, which is used directly to support livestock operations. The Tribe owns vast and varied amounts of renewable and non-renewable resources on the reservation which include land, sand and gravel, water and timber, coal, oil, and methane gas. In October of 2004, the Crow Tribe contracted Koski Geophysical Consulting of Billings to conduct seismic testing, evaluation and interpretation of data. With the findings, the Tribe was able to market its potential for oil and methane gas production at trade shows in Houston and Denver. In May 2005, the Tribe secured a minerals lease agreement with Golden Arrow Energy of Wyoming to begin production on 7,680 acres south of Crow Agency.

The Crow Nation is the first Tribe in the United States to adopt into law the Model Secured Transactions Act that was developed by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL). NCCUSL drafted the Uniform Commercial Code in the 1940s.

In 2001, the Crow Nation approved a new constitution, designating four year terms for elected officers and an elected district legislature. Since adopting the new constitution, the Crow Legislature has approved the Finance Protection and Procedures Act and the Model Tribal Secured Transactions Act. These two acts enable Crow members to obtain home ownership and business ownership financing. This recently enacted legal infrastructure has provided economic opportunity and stability for Crow members and the community.

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Farms	
Farms: (number)	377
Land in farms (acres)	1,989,372
Average size of farms (acres)	838,738
Farms by size: (number)	5,277
Less than 1,000 acres	196
1,000 acres or more	181
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	274
Less than \$100,000	124
\$100,000 or more	103
Farms by type of organization: (number)	14
Family, Individual, Partnership	336
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	41
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Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

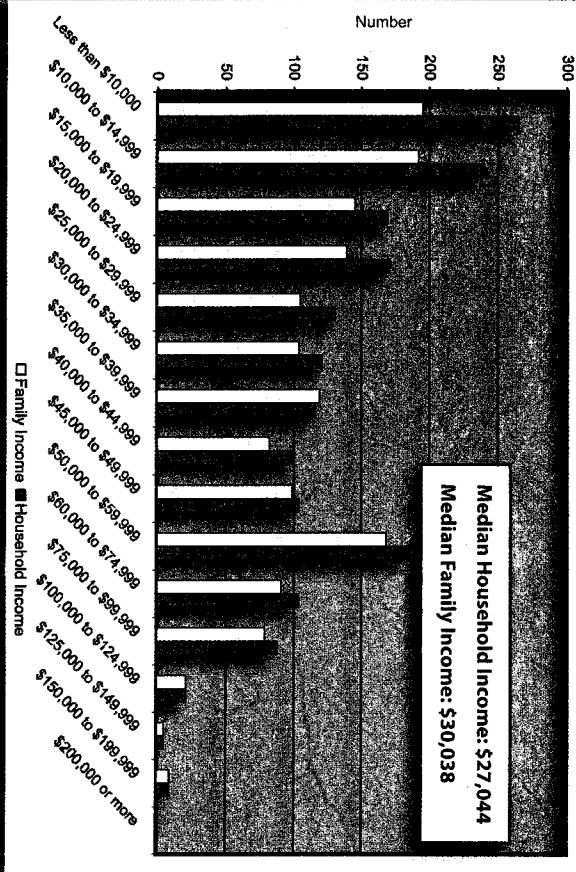
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	57,297
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Sheep and lambs	-
Horses and ponies	3,031
Bison	1,571
Chickens (layers and broilers)	1,981
Crops Harvested (acres)	(D)
Corn for grain	-
Corn for silage or greenchop	2,061
Wheat for grain, All	75,488
Winter wheat for grain	59,717
Durum wheat for grain	-
Spring wheat for grain	15,771
Barley for grain	8,264
Oats for grain	670
Sunflower seed, All	-
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Hay, haylage, grass silage	-

Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	341
Other	218
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	453
Not on farm operated	106
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	147
10 years or more	29
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	177
55 years and over	384
Average age of all operators: (number)	
	50.9
	51.2

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service

Crow Reservation - Distribution of Income by Family and Household from Census 2000



The table below provides labor force statistics from three separate sources. The reader will notice some of the numbers are dissimilar, owing to the differing definitions and statistical techniques used by each source. These differences are explained below:

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- Labor Force definition
 - Number of tribal members between 16 and 64 years old
 - Available for work
 - Not disabled or incarcerated
- Employment definition
 - Tribal members working for money
 - Unemployment definition
 - Calculated by subtracting Employment from Labor Force

Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units

Housing	Total	American Indian
Owner Occupied	71.3%	70.5%
Renter Occupied	28.7%	29.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000

Crow Reservation - Labor Force Statistics

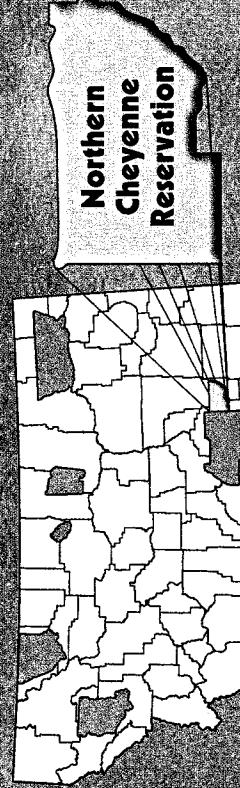
American Indian and Total Population for Northern Cheyenne Reservation and Related Areas

American Indian Population						
Census	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Geography						
N. Cheyenne Reservation	4,029	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Big Horn County	7,560	7,623	7,677	7,717	7,879	8,067
Busby CDP*	622	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Muddy CDP*	591	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rosebud County	3,041	3,068	3,120	3,194	3,204	3,225
Ashland CDP*	349	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Birney CDP*	93	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lame Deer CDP*	1,866	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Population						
Census	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
N. Cheyenne Reservation	4,470	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Big Horn County	12,671	12,817	12,829	12,897	13,076	13,149
Busby CDP*	695	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Muddy CDP*	627	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rosebud County	9,383	9,270	9,273	9,311	9,227	9,212
Ashland CDP*	464	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Birney CDP*	108	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lame Deer CDP*	2,018	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

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Northern Cheyenne Reservation



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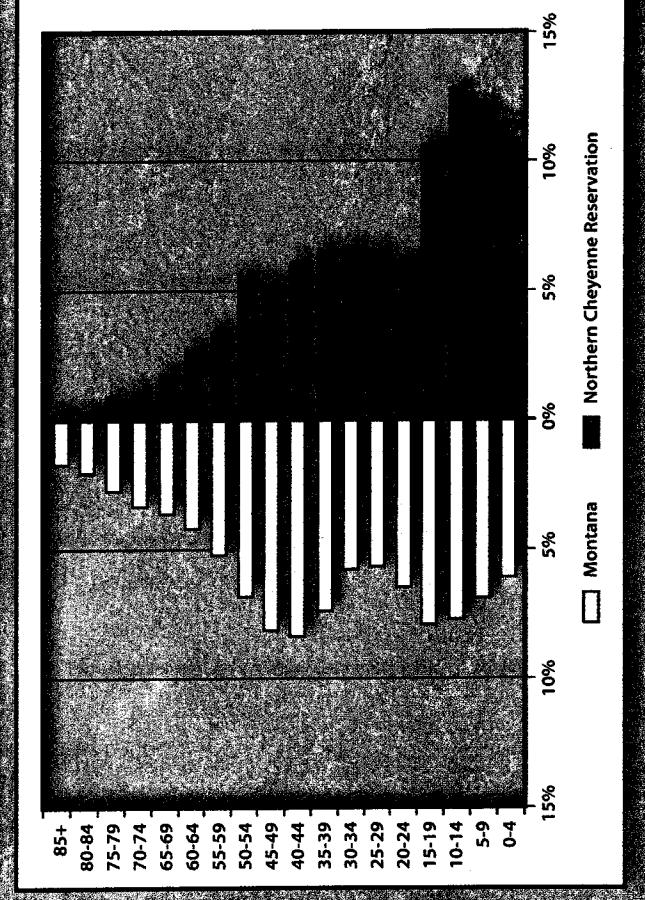
Northern Cheyenne Reservation - Occupation by Gender Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

Occupation	Total	American Indian
Total:	1,261	987
Male:	648	506
Management, professional, and related occupations	207	127
Service occupations	148	144
Sales and office occupations	28	26
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	26	17
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	121	99
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	118	93
Female:	613	481
Management, professional, and related occupations	287	196
Service occupations	119	93
Sales and office occupations	181	168
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	4	4
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	0	0
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	22	20

Northern Cheyenne Wage & Salary Employment Annual Averages 2005

Occupation	Total	Average Employment	Average Annual Wages Per Job
Total:	1,367	\$27,000	
Male:	528	\$23,153	
Management, professional, and related occupations	6	\$28,762	
Service occupations	6	\$28,762	
Sales and office occupations	6	\$28,762	
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	6	\$28,762	
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	6	\$28,762	
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	6	\$28,762	
Female:	6	\$28,762	
Management, professional, and related occupations	6	\$28,762	
Service occupations	6	\$28,762	
Sales and office occupations	6	\$28,762	
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Northern Cheyenne Reservation - Population Pyramid Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Northern Cheyenne Reservation

Northern Cheyenne Reservation Agricultural Statistics - 2002 Census of Agriculture

The Little Wolf Capitol Building, located in Lame Deer, Montana is Tribal headquarters. The Tribal homeland encompasses 445,000 acres of grass covered hills, narrow valleys and steep outcroppings - nestled between the Crow Reservation and the Tongue River Valley - and is home to nearly 55% of the Tribe's 9,043 enrolled members. Unlike most rural Montana communities, which are losing population, reservations such as Northern Cheyenne are experiencing an increase. According to Tribal Enrollment officials, nearly one-third (1,431) of the population residing on the reservation is below the age of 16.

Beneath the reservation's surface lies part of a coal belt stretching from southeast Montana into Wyoming that is estimated to contain 20 to 50 billion tons of a low-sulfur, relatively clean-burning coal. Legal, environmental and cultural issues involving the Tribe, private industry, and the US Government were decisive and influenced the Tribe's approach in the potential development of its coal, oil and gas resources on the reservation. In addition, the Tribe seeks to tap into renewable energy development projects including wind and solar.

Evolving out of the vocational education program or "Indian Action Program," Chief Dull Knife College (CDKC), an accredited community college, offered its first academic courses in the winter quarter of 1978. From its origins, CDKC offered students vocational training that would prepare them to enter and succeed in the skilled labor force. Many enrolled in such programs as Heavy Equipment Mechanics and Welding. Today, CDKC has expanded its curricular offerings to include an Associate of Arts degree, an Associate of Applied Science degree, and Vocational Certificates.

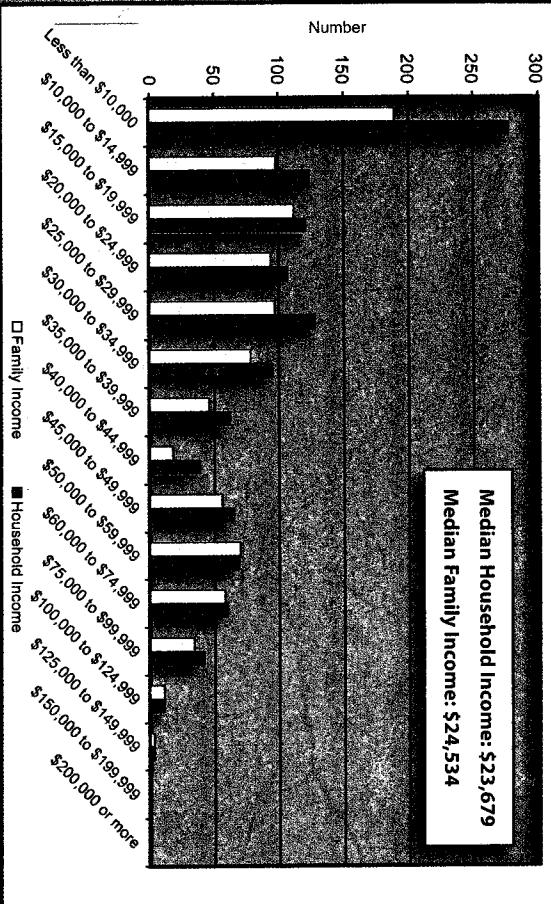
A recent initiative, of notable significance, is an effort to improve homeownership on the reservation. To bolster this undertaking the Tribal Council has adopted a new Mortgage Lending Code that provides the security for financial institutions to initiate more home loans for tribal members on the reservation.

The economy is primarily supported by federal government, tribal government, farming/ranching, and non-native/native owned businesses. The largest employers serving the reservation are the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, providing employment opportunities to 519 employees, Indian Health Service (104), Bureau of Indian Affairs (45), Chief Dull Knife College (61), Lame Deer Public Schools (85), Charging Horse Casino (33), Western Energy (41), and St. Labre Indian School (approx. 300).

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All Farms	
Farms: (number)	64
Land in farms (acres)	403,152
Average size of farms (acres)	6,299
Farms by size: (number)	6,401
Less than 1,000 acres	43
1,000 acres or more	21
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	49
Less than \$10,000	15
\$100,000 or more	11
Farms by type of organization: (number)	59
Family, Individual, Partnership	5
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	4
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	10,364
Hogs and pigs	-
Sheep and lambs	(D)
Horses and ponies	558
Bison	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	0
Crops Harvested (acres)	0
Corn for grain	-
Corn for silage or greenchop	-
Wheat for grain, All	(D)
Winter wheat for grain	(D)
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Spring wheat for grain	(D)
Barley for grain	(D)
Oats for grain	-
Sunflower seed, All	-
Soybeans for beans	-
Hay, haylage, grass silage	7,674
Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	48
Other	59
Place of residence: (number)	42
On farm operated	85
Not on farm operated	22
Years on present farm: (number)	20
Less than 10 years	23
10 years or more	84
55 years and over	57
Age group: (number)	50,4
Under 55 years	65
55 years and over	42
Average age of operators: (number)	29
	50,7

Northern Cheyenne Reservation - Distribution of Income by Family and Household from Census 2000



300

250

200

Number

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